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AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTICED FROM THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND OURSELVES ON THE SUBJECT OF THE OCCUPIED GSO AND SILVER CITY COMPOUNDS, THE PGNU HAS MADE AN ISSUE OF OUR ALLEGED FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE 1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, TO OBTAIN HOST GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN A LOCALITY OTHER THAN THAT IN WHICH THE MISSION ITSELF WAS ESTABLISHED. THEY HAVE PRESENTED NO EVIDENCE THAT WE FAILED TO OBTAIN SUCH PERMISSION. IT OCCURS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE WE RENTED THE PROPERTY INVOLVED IN 1955, BEFORE BUYING IT IN 1961, THE COMPOUNDS WERE EMBASSY PREMISES BEFORE THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE 1961 CONVENTION. THIS BEING THE CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING US AS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RULES THAT PERTAINED TO THE SETTING UP OF SUCH SEPARATE EMBASSY PREMISES BEFORE 1961 AND PARTICULARLY IF THEY REQUIRED FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO, AND PERMISSION FROM, THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

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